

Woodbury County Courthouse
Seventh and Douglas Streets
Sioux City
Woodbury County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-82

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Iowa	COUNTY Woodbury	TOWN OR VICINITY Sioux City
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Woodbury County Courthouse		HABS NO. IA-82
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Seventh and Douglas Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1916-1918	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Purcell & Elmslie and William Steele, architects George G. Elmslie, principal designer	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An important monument to early modern architecture, it is one of the largest Prairie Style buildings ever erected and the only large civic structure in that style in the U. S.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Prairie Style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Tan Roman brick with matching terra-cotta trim; grey granite base and copings		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2- story, rectangular block; central office tower rising six more stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Rhythmic windows separated by pilasters; sculptural figures at monumental main entrances (Alfonso Iannelli, sculptor); terra-cotta ornament		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior rotunda with stained glass dome; lavish use of Sullivanesque terra-cotta ornament; large murals (John W. Norton, muralist)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1976 appeared good. At that time, still in use as a courthouse.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I. The Iowa Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. 1977.		

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